

REMARKS:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The above noted amendment to the specification have been made to properly claim priority to parent application S/N 09/800,130, filed March 6, 2001, and provisional application 60/188,093, filed March 9, 2000. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by this amendment. A Sequence Listing, updated to PatentIn version 3.2, is also enclosed, along with a Statement as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825 (a) and (b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by this Sequence Listing.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

With this amendment, claims 1-3, 6-23, and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 4, 5, 24, and 25 are now pending. The amendments to claims 4, 24, and 25 have been made to make these claims independent. Support for the amendment is found in original claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by these proposed amendments to the claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

With this amendment, formal drawings (14 sheets) are enclosed. Applicants respectfully submit that the enclosed formal drawings do not alter matter represented in the originally submitted informal drawings.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11898.0019.DVUS02.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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